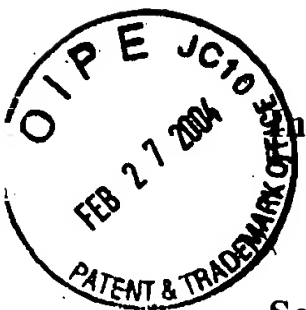


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U.S. Patent No. 6,399,982 to Derderian et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,124,626 to Sandhu et al. and the present application were, at the time the invention was made, owner by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same entity, namely Micron Technology, Inc. Applicants respectfully submit that such a statement is sufficient evidence to establish common ownership and to disqualify U.S. Patent No. 6,399,982 to Derderian et al. and U.S. Patent No. 6,124,626 to Sandhu et al. from being used as prior art against the claims of the above-entitled application. *MPEP* § 1706.02(1)(2)II.

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